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TOPIC Volkspolizei Guard Battalion in Halle

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1. Prior to 15 December 1950, the VP guard battalion in Halle was located at the Gimritz estate near Halle. It had about 150 police organized into three companies, with two platoons to each company. The battalion was equipped with 300 model 98-K carbines and about 80 model 08 pistols.
2. Personnel of the unit included VP Meister Oertel, (fmu), acting commander; VR Oberkommissar Buechol, (fmu), PK officer; and VP Meister Kiraag, (fmu), acting commander of the 2d Co.
3. The personnel of the VP guard battalion received basic training at the Landespolizei school in Domitzsch (N 52/E 55), and arms training, technical police training, and political indoctrination at the battalion. Missions of the unit included guard duty at government buildings in the Kulturpark (culture garden), the Doelau textile factory, and the garage on Dessauerstrasse. It was also to be committed in large-scale raids. \*

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Comment. The VP guard battalion at the Gimritz Estate and the police school in Domitzsch are subordinate to the Landespolizei Pionier (headquarters) of Land Saxony-Anhalt in Halle and, thus, are not under the jurisdiction of the NVA.

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